



Trip **7**

Friuli Venezia Giulia
& Dolomites

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EXPERIENCES YOU WILL TREASURE AT LENGTH

Suggestions for an unforgettable *journey*



We represent unique, extraordinary independent and privately-owned boutique hotels, villas and yachts in Italy. To promote the hotels we represent we take pride in creating travel suggestions and itineraries, where our local knowledge meets the needs and interests of travel advisors and clients. Make this your very own tale of discovery along this unique peninsula, whether your primary concern is art, architecture, archaeology or even fine dining and shopping.

Our goal is to introduce travel advisors to new products and act as a primary resource for information and assistance ensuring they receive all the support they need in real time. Having a “**sample itinerary**” connecting the properties gives something more solid and potentially concrete to promote, rather than a mere collection of hotels.

Extraordinary hotels, whose credo is painstaking attention to details, excellence throughout, and whose experience is one you will treasure at length. Light varying a thousand times in a day, sensational dawns and sunsets, ever-changing hues, the lull of the waves by the shore, a star-studded sky, savouring an outstanding meal: you will simply ask for more.

Welcome to our world



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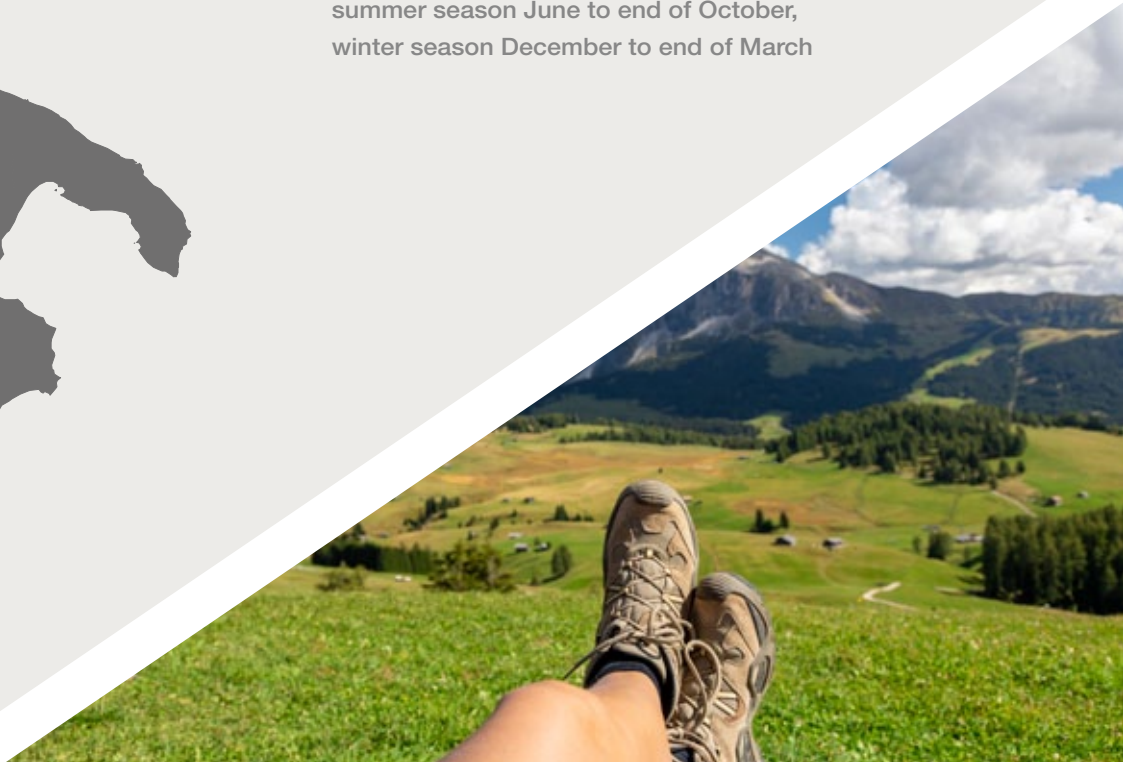
8 days Friuli Venezia Giulia & Dolomites

- day 1, day 2, day 3, day 4 / **Friuli Venezia Giulia**
4 nights at **Grand Hotel Duchi d'Aosta - Trieste**
- day 5, day 6 / **Dolomites / Alta Badia**
2 nights at **Ciasa Salares**
- day 7, day 8 / **Dolomites / Val Gardena**
2 nights at **Gardena Grödnerhof R&C**

Season

- Dolomites & Friuli Venezia Giulia from June to end of October
- Friuli Venezia Giulia: all year round
- Dolomites:
summer season June to end of October,
winter season December to end of March

To make the experience even richer, every itinerary can be designed by Italian DMCs to the last detail. Every visit, every lunch and dinner, every overnight stay and every transfer is carefully selected to be part of a story, your story.



FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA



day 1 / day 2

At the eastern end of the Italian peninsula, Friuli Venezia Giulia region extends for almost eight thousand sq km, passing from the craggy Dolomites peaks to the verdant hills covered by vineyards and the coasts that plunge into the blue of the Adriatic Sea.

A region filled with hidden treasures, you will visit the notable **Mosaics School** in **Spilimbergo**, the only one of its kind in the world, it hosts students from many different nations. The fort-city of **Palmanova**. Explore **Grado**, also known as the Golden Island. Discover **Aquileia**, the ancient Roman city that hosts exceptional mosaics in the striking Basilica di Santa Maria Assunta.



MIRAMARE CASTLE

day 3 / day 4

Trieste boasts an idyllic atmosphere and you will discover its greatness and beauty. The city is vibrant, has its own unique charm, is full of history and of beautiful architecture and attractions, and offers many interesting excursions. The alpine foothills of the Friuli are some of the best white wine producing estates in Italy, **Collio and Carso area**. Friuli Venezia Giulia offers the opportunity to dive into its winemaking traditions and explore the excellences of this territory during various winery tours and memorable tastings of local wine. The hilltop town of **San Daniele** is world-famous for its prized ham. All year round active holidays: sailing, walking, hiking, trekking, biking, horse riding, skiing, cross-country skiing, sleddog, photo shooting experiences and much more.

BARCOLANA SAILING REGATTA IN TRIESTE



Not to be missed

- In Trieste San Giusto's Cathedral • Miramare Castle • The Synagogue • Walking tour of the city center • Museo Revoltella
- Visit a Coffe Roastery with coffe tasting • Visit the Grotta Gigante • The Mosaic Shool in Spilimbergo
- Hiking and Biking tour in Val Rosandra and The Duino Cliffs Natural Reserve, The Rilke Path, The Strada Napoleonica
- Boat Tour in Trieste

Buon appetito!

- In Trieste:** • Harry's Piccolo ☸ ☸ • Harry's Bistro / **Fish:** • Al Bagatto • Antica Trattoria Menarosti • Ai Fiori
- Antica Ghiacceretta / **Meat:** • Cantina del Vescovo • Angry Diamond • Bracerie Venete / **Tradition:** • Trattoria da Giovanni • Al Petes • Vino e Cibo in Cittavecchia / **Pizza:** • Al Civicosei • Pizzeria Di Napoli
- Tavernetta Al Molo / Grignano • Sal de Mar / Muggia • Baita Salež / Sgonico

Food ectstatic

- Jota • Frico and polenta • Cjarsons • Boretto di pesce • Strucolo • Prosciutto di San Daniele
- Gubana • Coffe tasting in the famous bars in Trieste

Wine

- Pinot grigio • Tocai • Chardonnay • Verduzzo • Picolit • Schioppettino • Pignolo • Cabernet • Cabernet Sauvignon • Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso
- Wine tasting at:** • Vodopivec Paolo • Kante Azienda Agricola • Renato Keber Winery
- Zinarich Az. Agr. • Ritter de Zahony Az. Agr.



Poetry in a glass



FRIULI WINE AREAS



the Collio district

It is a well-known fact that some of the best wines in the world are produced on the peninsula, with regional variations adding spark and character to that ever-pleasing Italian allure. Among its vast cultural and historical heritage, eclectic, proud, captivating Friuli-Venezia-Giulia boasts the **Collio** area: strewn with gentle vineyards and blessed with a special climate and soil, known as *Ponca* or *Flysch*, this district sits on the border with Slovenia and fosters the production of outstanding (primarily) **white wines**, among the best in the country. Awarded the DOC label as early as 1968, *Collio Bianco* was the first of a series of superb varieties, such as *Pinot Grigio*, *Pinot Bianco*, *Ribolla Gialla* or *Friulano*, with connoisseurs captivated by their fresh, mineral rich, aromatic and balanced taste.

The renowned dessert wine *Picolit* is also a local product of excellence: produced in very small quantities, making it rare and exclusive, this wine is elegant and harmonious, exuding all the features that reveal its unique nature.

Wines from the Collio area are best defined as “poetry in a glass”, for they convey the harmony of the bucolic landscape they are produced in: evocative, hill-top **San Floriano al Collio** is a charming village that sits on the *Strada del Vino e delle Ciliegie* (the wine and cherry route), with vine clad roads connecting lovely churches, fortresses and serene hamlets.

Habsburg-style **Cormons** is the main municipality and is dominated by the Quarin Mount, where the first local settlements were established, back in Roman times. The wetland **Preval** area features small lakes and meadows where you will find deer roaming free and ducks: ideal for relaxing strolls and hikes, its calmness is echoed by the lovely **Plessiva wood**, replete with oak trees and popular with walkers.

Linking **Capriva del Friuli** with Sermons, the *Sentiero delle Vigne Alte* offers hiking, mountain biking and horse-riding opportunities among gentle vineyards that open onto superb views, reflecting the perfect balance between man and nature in a region that stuns and amazes with its natural, historical and cultural gems.

GRAND HOTEL DUCHI D'AOSTA

Grand Hotel Duchi d'Aosta in Trieste is located in Piazza Unità d'Italia, one of the most beautiful spots in Europe, the hotel together with the splendid neighbouring buildings, frames the square overlooking the sea, boasting a strategic and inspiring location where charm and style promise a moving experience. 42 rooms and suites, 9 luxury apartments.

Grand Hotel Duchi d'Aosta / 4 nights



Elegance
and tradition

DOLOMITES



Gardena Grödnerhof / Val Gardena / Ortisei

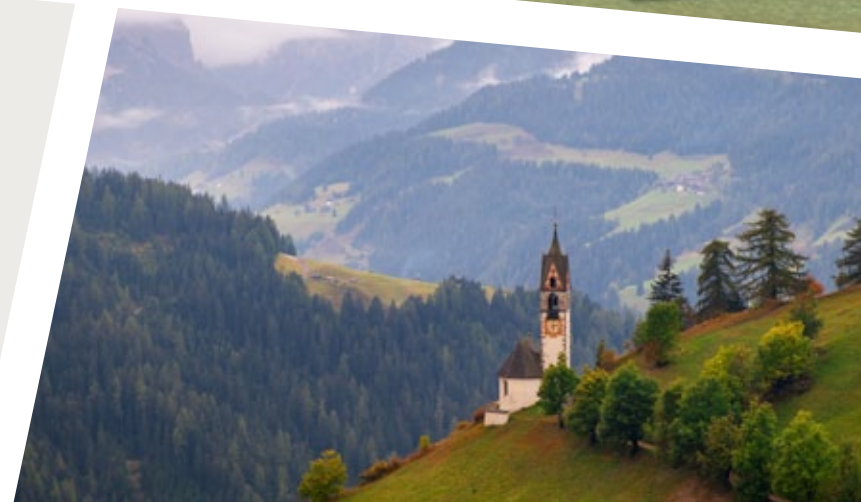


To sleep, perchance to dream. Shakespeare may spring to mind when the Dolomites come into sight in all their magnificence – be it the first or the hundredth time this happens. Dolomites are natural World Heritage Site since 2009.



day 5 / day 6

Bëgnodüs! Welcome to Val Badia. Touted as some of the most evocative places in the Dolomites, **Val Badia** and the adjoining high planes of Fanes will lure you and enchant you with their appeal; a sunny, 16-km long valley, it is part of the **Parco Naturale di Fanes-Sennes-Braies**. This is a most charming park, mostly covered by mountain pastures and meadows, characterised by a unique variety of plant life. Visit the **Conturines Cave** or the **Armentara**. Nature puts on its best show here, with the Conturines, Lavarella and Lagazuoi as a backdrop to breathtaking sceneries. Do you enjoy walking? Choose the Larch and Meditation trail or one of the superb routes in the Fanes Park. Meadows and experience the explosion of colours, water and life found in the park. You will stop in amazement countless times, wondering how nature can put on such a memorable display. **San Cassiano**, charming and cosmopolitan, has succeeded in combining tourism and mountain life. Classy hotels and Michelin starred restaurants sit alongside farms and traditional shops, in a balanced harmony of vistas, so typical of the Dolomites.



HOTEL CIASA SALARES



*A taste for
all seasons*



Ciasa Salares, offering 46 rooms and suites, is one of the most celebrated South Tyrol institutions. It prides itself in paying meticulous attention to details, preserving ancient local traditions, conveying respect for mountain culture and admiration for the magnificent surrounding Dolomites. Run by the Wieser Family ever since its establishment in 1964, the hotel offers an astonishing four restaurants, all proposing diverse, luxurious sensorial journeys.

Hotel Ciasa Salares / 2 nights

D O L O M I T E S / V A L G A R D E N A



day 7 / day 8

Val Gardena epitomises all the charm and appeal the Dolomites are known the world over for: majestic scenery, vibrant colours, bluebird skies, dazzling, impressive peaks – **Sassolungo**, **Sassopiatto** and **Sella** to name a few – offering activities for everyone, all year round, from skiing to hiking, walking, cycling, climbing and via ferrata routes. Val Gardena proudly claims an identity of its own, due to the isolation given by the Sella Group and Sassolungo mountain chains. You will find age-old traditions here, allowing it to flourish amid many pre-mass-tourism traditions. One of these is woodcarving. You will see pretty, bustling villages, where the Ladin heritage is strongly felt and heard in the local dialect, along with vernacular architecture. **Ortisei** is the main village in the area and is surrounded by the **Rasciesa**, Seceda and **Mont Sëuc** mountains.





Gardena Grödnerhof is set in the village of **Ortisei**. Surrounded by a beautiful garden and the exceptional Dolomites scenery, expect a journey of the soul and the mind. Revel in the spacious 54 rooms, featuring hardwood floors, pine connotations and a lounge area. Restore harmony and joie de vivre in the **Michelin-starred restaurant – Anna Stuben** – and the hotel restaurant, plus a chic Lounge & Bar. Not to mention the outstanding wine cellar, where candlelit dinners can be arranged. The enchanting Dolomites on your doorstep.

Gardena Grödnerhof / 2 nights



Not to be missed

Alta Badia

- Visit Cortina d'Ampezzo • Sas dla Crusc, the symbol of Val Badia Dolomites • Audi FIS Ski World Cup / Gran Risa
- Spëisa ladina: Ladin cookery course • Hike and Fly - for the bravest • Dinner on a mountain hut • Gourmet Ski Safari
- World War circuit - summer or winter • Sella Ronda Ski circuit

Val Gardena

- Wood carving class • Snow shoes by night • Judith Sottriffer, the toy maker of Val Gardena / Ortisei
- The biggest nativity scene in the world / Santa Cristina • Church of San Giacomo (Saint James)
- Visit Museum Gherdëina • Wine tasting at Abbazia di Novacella

Buon appetito!

Alta Badia

- Moritzino Mountain hut • L'Osti • L'Murin: brewery in summer and Apres Ski in winter
- Cocun Cellar at Ciasa Salares • Chocolate and Cheese Room at Ciasa Salares

Val Gardena

- Anna Stuben ☼ • Baita Sofie • Rifugio Troier • Fienile Monte
- Rifugio Comici • Villa Frainela

Food ectstatic

- Canederli with cheese and Canederli with speck • Kaspressknödel Panicia
- Casunziei/mezzelune • Spätzle • Zwetschgenknodel • Gulasch • Tirtlen
- Speck • Tiroler Gröstl apple strudel • Fartaies • Kaiserschmarrn
- Zelten • Puccia bread • Grappa tasting

Wine

- Lagrein • Gewurztraminter • Riesling • Mueller Thurgau
- Schiava Gentile • Pinot Bianco • Pinot Grigio • Pinot Nero
- Sylvaner • Blauburgunder





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